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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MONTALTA SELECTED AS STUDENT MARSHAL

CHARLESTON -- Jill Montalta, daughter of Steve and Lana Seibring of Ashkum, served as a student marshal at the Eastern Illinois University's recent spring commencement ceremony.

Marshals are selected by the director of Eastern's Honors Programs and represent the four undergraduate colleges, the School of Adult and Continuing Education and the Graduate School.

They become the official ushers for the various college occasions, particularly for the commencement exercises. They wear white academic costumes and carry batons decorated in the university's colors of blue and gray.

A 1994 graduate of Central High School in Clifton, Montalta is a junior accounting major at Eastern.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.